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PATENT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications received by the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Patent Offices for granting patents to items during each of the last three years, till date;
- (b) the total number of applications cleared during the said period;
- (c) the total number of applications still pending with these offices; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to clear all the pending applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The total number of applications received by the Patent office for granting patents to different items during each of the last three years and till date are as under:

Item	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Chemical	3,916	5,810	6,354
Drug	2,316	2,211	3,239
Food	190	101	1,223
Electrical	1,079	1,274	2,371
Mechanical	3,304	4,734	5,536
Computer/Electronics	2,787	5,700	5,822
Biotechnology	1,215	1,525	2,774
General	2,659	3150	1,563
Total	17,466	24,505	28,882

(b) & (c): Patent applications are examined only after the requests for examination are received by the Patent Office. The cumulative number of applications for which requests for examination is pending is 22,008.

(d): The steps taken by the Government to clear the pending applications are as under:

(i) Modernisation of Intellectual Property (IP) infrastructure has been undertaken in the 10th Five Year Plan at a total cost of Rs.153 crore for Infrastructure development, computerization, human resource development and training and awareness.

(ii) New integrated Intellectual Property Offices have been established in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai.

(iii) Further modernisation of IP Offices to provide additional human resources, higher level of computerisation to support on-line processing, strengthening of data-base and novelty search facilities, awareness generation activities etc. is being taken up in the 11th Five Year Plan at a proposed cost of Rs. 300 crore.

(iv) A National Institute of Intellectual Property Management is being set up at Nagpur to provide, inter-alia, training to Patent Examiners to improve the quality of patent search and examination.